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1. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 30 COUNTRIES AND 15 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IT OPENED WITH A STIMULATING ADDRESS BY UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOLBA, WHO EXHORTED DELEGATES TO DEVELOP A FORMULA FOR MAKING THE PROGRAM MORE EFFECTIVE AND INVITED THEM TO BE AS CRITICAL AS NECESSARY IN THEIR COMMENTS. THE REMAINDER OF MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY DAVID MUNRO OF THE UNEP SECRETARIAT.
 2. FIRST DAY OF MEETING INVOLVED TUG-OF-WAR BETWEEN MUNRO AND U.S. AND OTHER DELEGATIONS AS TO WHETHER DISCUSSION SHOULD CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND APPROACHES TO
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OTHER THAN THE SEMINAR PORTION OF THE UNEP INDUSTRY PROGRAM. IT WAS FINALLY AGREED THAT OTHER APPROACHES COULD BE DISCUSSED. SECOND DAY BROUGHT MORE CLARITY AND TIGHTER FOCUS TO DISCUSSION AND BROAD CONSENSUS ON FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:
A. UNEP SHOULD CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY ITS

CATALYTIC ROLE BY PROVIDING MORE THOROUGH COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

B. MULTIPLE APPROACHES SHOULD BE EMPLOYED, INCLUDING TASK FORCES, MEETINGS OF EXPERTS, PILOT STUDIES, DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS, AS WELL AS SEMINARS.

C. INFORMATION EXCHANGE SHOULD BE IMPROVED, UTILIZING, AMONG OTHER CHANNELS, IRS, WITH A PRINCIPAL THRUST OF PROVIDING NEEDED TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

D. OUTPUTS OF THE PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE EFFICACY OF VARIOUS MEANS OF FORESTALLING OR REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS, BUT SHOULD STOP SHORT OF FORMULATING DIRECTIVES ON STANDARDS AND REGULATORY INSTRUMENTS.

E. PROJECTS SHOULD BE DEFINED MORE PRECISELY AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO SPECIFIC HIGH PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS IN SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES OF GENERAL INTEREST, RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING A BROAD ANALYSIS OF AN ENTIRE INDUSTRY.

3. THE SECRETARIAT SUMMARY REFLECTS THE ABOVE RESULTS IN A GENERAL MANNER, WITHOUT TORTURED LANGUAGE COMMON TO SUCH GROUP EXERCISES. (THE SUMMARY, WHEN RECEIVED, WILL BE SENT TO ADDRESSEES OF THIS CABLE.)
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4. THE U.S. DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THE MEETING WAS SUCCESSFUL IN FORMULATING MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PLANNING AND CONDUCT OF THE UNEP INDUSTRY PROGRAM AND THAT PRINCIPAL U.S. OBJECTIVES (REFTEL) WERE ACHIEVED.
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